

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at line 17 of page 9 has been amended as follows:

The passage forming member 12 is joined to one side of the ink chamber plate 21 constituting the head chip 11 by an adhesive agent or the like as shown in Fig. 4. One side of the ink chamber 20 is sealed by the passage forming member 12. The passage forming member 12 is fixed in such a manner as to be tightly joined to the ink chamber ~~12~~ 20. For example, an O-ring may be provided between the ink chamber plate 21 and the passage forming member 12, and the passage forming member 12 may be fastened by a screw member or the like.

Paragraph beginning at line 2 of page 10 has been amended as follows:

The passage forming member 12 now will be described. As shown in Figs. 4 and 5, in the substantially central area of the passage forming member 12 in the longitudinal direction, there is provided an ink supply passage 26 that constitutes a part of an ink passage, which connects an ink storage means (not illustrated) for storing ink in an ink tank or the like to the ink chamber 20. In their respective regions in proximity to both ends of the passage forming member 12 in the longitudinal direction thereof, there are

provided ink discharge passages or communicating passages 27 and 28 that connect the ink chamber 20 to the outside so as to discharge the ink from the ink chamber 20 to the outside.

Each of the communicating passages 27 and 28 is independent from the ink supply passage 20 so that ink supplied into the ink chamber 20 through the ink supply passage 26 does not pass through at least a portion of each of the communicating passages 27 and 28 (e.g., a portion of each of the communicating passages 27, 28 extending from an exterior surface of the passage forming member 12).